

A BALANCED VIEW

Save the Dates -- May 13 - 17, 2004, Minneapolis, Minnesota

In the last issue of A Balanced View I said that we were still negotiating with the hotels in Minneapolis regarding specific dates, rates, and facilities for our 2004 convention. Shortly after that issue I went to Minneapolis and met with Bob Jibben, Convention Chairman, and we visited four downtown hotels. In our opinion one hotel had everything we were looking for in the way of facilities, location, and rates. We decided on the Hilton Hotel. The convention dates are May 13 to the 17th, 2004!

The Convention Committee consists of Bob, Cleone and Richard Swanberg, Henry Quade, Ruth and Don Shaw, and Jerry Katz. Jan and Bill Berning will also be helping. The Committee met on August 20 and has outlined what sounds like a great convention. As the plans progress, we will keep you informed.

Regional Meeting -- West Coast

Earlier this month Ralph Bergmann, who lives in San Rafael, California, sent out invitations to attend a "Regional Meeting" of ISASC on Saturday, October 11, 2003. Clem and Kathy Monday have kindly offered to provide a meeting place at their home in Oroville, California. To allow time for residents of the San Francisco area (and other locales) to travel

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without getting up in the darkness of dawn, the start time will be 11 a.m. We will have a chance to view the collection of the Mondays and also the collection of Ken Goodhue, who lives just a block away. If any member who may not have received notice of the meeting is interested, please contact me or Ralph in San Rafael.

Director's Report

The following report was submitted by Jerry Wilson, Board of Directors Member. Jerry is the Chairman of the Endowment Committee, and also, as most of you know, maintains the Society Library.

Endowment Committee. Great news!! Bill Everett has given his fabulous collection to ISASC!! Many of you who viewed his collection in Pittsburgh and at his mountain retreat in Ligonier will know personally that I do not use the word "fabulous" carelessly. Most of you know that Bill had promised us his collection upon his demise. Today we are the benefactors of his decision to "do it now", occasioned by his and Libby's decision to move their retirement home to Florida. THANK YOU BILL!

I am sure you realize the title transfer process, involving inventory, appraisal (for IRS), packing, transporting and storage, are just a few of the major tasks involved. Mary Ann Murphy, as the Pittsburgh member of the Endowment Committee, is presiding over the endeavor, assisted by Les Firth from nearby Mercer, Pa., Steve Beare, and Bill himself. Jerry Katz is working for Bill as his appraiser. We have taken a major step toward our future museum!

ISASC Library. As though the bounty above were not enough we have also received a generous gift from John and Gerry Shannon of copies of their outstanding book, The Assay Balance. Its Evolution and the Histories of the Companies That Made Them. The book, in addition to its historical text, includes generous excerpts from rare American catalogs of Assay Balances as well as an 1891 Oertling catalog. These features, plus informative appendices and references, make it an important addition to your scale library.

Because these books were a gift to ISASC 100% of their market price is profit for the Society! They will be added to our Library List in its next edition. They are available now. Send me your check for \$75

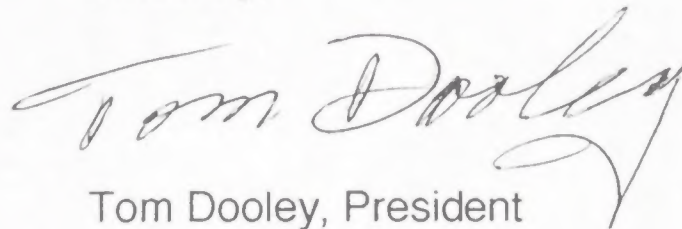
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(hardback) or \$55 (softback) and it will be on its way ---- Jerry Wilson, 11651 Turner Heights Drive, Escondido, CA 92026.

The addition of John and Gerry's book to our Library has overloaded our "Stockroom" (my garage), so with the President's approval, we are having an "overstock" sale. In particular our book Scales, Scales, Scales occupies an unusually large amount of space. It sells for \$30 and for a short time, starting with the issuance of this issue of A Balanced View, we are placing it on sale for \$15. Read about it in our Library List. You will see it is a compendium of scale catalogs, many less common such as Torsion Balance and Angledial. This is a good chance to fill a void in your library.

A Personal Thanks --- On behalf of the Board of Directors, all ISASC members, and especially myself, I want to thank Jerry, the Endowment Committee, and especially Mary Anne Murphy for all the work they have done on the Society's behalf. I received copies of the many, many Emails that were exchanged by all and had a "front row seat" wherein I could see what was entailed. Mary Anne did all the work in locating storage space and making the arrangements for its rental. Thanks again.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Tom Dooley". The signature is fluid and extends to the right with a long, sweeping tail.

Tom Dooley, President
ISASC

